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1. Several press reports have been received relative to the reconstruction of the V-Missile Testing Station in PENNE-MUNDE.

28 September 1949

a. "The giant underground PEENEMUENDE ammunition factory is again producing to capacity and manufactures V-missiles. The reconstruction of the PEENEMUENDE installations destroyed during the war was performed under the supervision of Soviet technicians by German PWS who had arrived from a camp in the Ural Mts. The production, which was resumed early this year, is in the hands of German specialists. Most of the production is allegedly concentrated in workshop III of this secret ammunition plant, while novel jet engines designed to give the missiles an increased speed, range and accuracy are being produced in workshop IV. The entire population of PEENEMUENDE was evacuated at the beginning of the reconstruction. The whole plant is surrounded by a wire fence charged with high tension current and by mine fields and is also guarded by 3,500 Soviet MVD police. On the Baltic Sea two speed boat flotillas are assigned to regular patrol missions, and for security reasons all deliveries for the plant and its workers arrive by sea." (Aechener Volkszeitung, issue of 28 September 1949).

28 September 1949

b. "Last Sunday, the inhabitants of RERIK and of the German villages on the isle of Usedom were ordered to pack their things and prepare for immediate evacuation. The population was allowed to take all livestock and furniture along... The localities evacuated by the German population were hermetically sealed off by the NKVD. German construction details, heavily guarded by the NKVD, arrived in the evacuated villages. According to refugees, the V-missile production shops established there by the Nazis are

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being reconstructed in LARIX and PASHANUSKOD. The V-missile launching sites are also said to be reconditioned. Up to now, it was only known that Soviet measuring posts have been set up on the Greifswald Oie (small island) and on the island of Poel. These measuring stations serve the purpose of steering the experimental rocket missiles launched from the area of LARIX and PASHANUSKOD over the Baltic Sea" (Sozialdemokrat, Berlin issue of 23 September 1949).

27 September 1949

c. "In Allied and German circles it has now been confirmed that the Soviet Union is setting up a number of V-2 launching sites directed against strategic points and ports in western Europe....

"An expert who fled to western Europe (Germany) stated that the Soviets have again placed the test laboratories of the former German Armed Forces in PASHANUSKOD in operation. The Soviets have allegedly rebuilt five launching sites and six more are under construction. According to his statements, two of the five available launching sites are located in Mecklenburg and are directed against southern Sweden, one is in Thuringia against the Rhine river crossings between Cologne, Dusseldorf and the Schelde river estuary, and one is in Czechoslovakia, against the Brenner Pass." (Die Tat, ZURICH, issue of 27 September 1949).

23 September 1949

d. "The civilian population of Oselon was ordered to move to the mainland. It is assumed that V-weapons installations are again being set up in PASHANUSKOD" (Finnish-Estonian Press, dated 23 September 1949).

4 October 1949

e. "The Soviets have reconstructed the former German test laboratories for V-missiles in PASHANUSKOD, from where the robot rockets launched in the vicinity of LARIX and PASHANUSKOD can be controlled. Danish and German fishermen have observed that the Russians pick up V-missiles in the Baltic Sea. Instead of a warhead these missiles were fitted with measuring equipment. The missiles are brought to OSELON without delay." (Finnish-Estonian press of 4 October 1949)

2. The above press reports contain data on the alleged reconstruction of the PASHANUSKOD rocket testing station. This information has not been confirmed by agent reports. Information present the following picture of the construction work performed in PASHANUSKOD:

1 July 1949

a. Construction work started on 1 July 1949. This work is termed "reconstruction work" and is being done by 1,200 men and women *.

17 and 19 August 1949

b. Observations made between 17 and 19 August 1949 confirmed this reconstruction work by 1,200 workers. **

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c. [redacted] gave the following supplementary information ***:

The northwestern section of the isle of Usedom is cordoned off by German police. Of the buildings, formerly available at the field only one navigation station was still to be seen. According to local residents, RUMBE-MUSCH and KATHLAGEN are to be evacuated (after the harvest) for the billeting of Soviet Air Force personnel.

d. [redacted] the airfield of RUMBE-MUSCH is being reconstructed under the supervision of the Soviets. Ø

16 and 17 August 1949

e. The Bau Union Firm in Mecklenburg was engaged in clearing and dismantling the ruined buildings of the airfield and of the V-missile testing station. The entire area between KATHLAGEN and RUMBE-MUSCH was cordoned off by the People's Police. ØØ

29 August - 1 September 1949

f. [redacted] construction work during the period 29 to 1 September 1949. About 1,500 German workers are employed in three eight-hour shifts. The damaged administration buildings are being rebuilt and clearance work is being done. The work is scheduled for completion by 15 September 1949. The German workers do not have access to the landing field, which is cordoned off by Soviet soldiers. The field is reportedly occupied by 30 to 100 fighters. ØØØ

28 August 1949

g. [redacted] reconstruction of the field by German workers. ØØ

2 September 1949

h. The field was cordoned off and occupied by fighters. KATHLAGEN has been evacuated by the German population (x)

5 September 1949

i. A train loaded with German workers arrived at the field. German trucks were hauling sand to the field. Three stone buildings have been erected on the southern edge of the field. They are occupied by Soviet air force soldiers. (x)

26 - 28 September 1949

j. [redacted] the airfield settlement comprises 150 billets and 34 newly erected cantonment buildings. The cantonment buildings have an estimated capacity of 5,000 men. The landing field is intact. The hangars and quartering facilities on the border of the field are destroyed. German workers did grading work and undetermined construction work on the edge of the field.

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According to local residents, 6 more cantonment buildings and 3 hangars are under construction. The underground fuel installations are allegedly made serviceable. All construction work at the field is allegedly performed by the Mecklenburg Bau Union Firm.

3. The information mentioned in para 2 above does not indicate intended reconstruction of the former German V-2 Testing Station or of the launching sites there. The reported reconstruction work seems to be limited to the reconstruction of the Puckum-UNDO airfield. It is unlikely that German workers should be employed for a possible reconstruction of the V-missile installations. It is possible that, as a first step, the airfield was reconstructed with the help of German workers to make it serviceable for a Soviet fighter unit, which would have the mission of providing protection during reconstruction of the V-missile Testing Station at a possible later date.

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